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February 8, 2012

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Chief Executive Officer

STATUS ON OPTIONS FOR WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS TO THE STATE DUE TO SHORT-CHANGING ON REALIGNMENT (ITEM NO. 74, AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 29, 2011)

On November 29, 2011, your Board directed my office, in conjunction with the Auditor-Controller (A-C), to report back within a month on options for withholding payments to the State, such as payments for Los Angeles County youth held in a Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facility, due to any shortfall in funding related to Public Safety Realignment.

In response to your Board's directive, my office met with A-C to discuss the feasibility of withholding payments to the State. We are also working with County Counsel regarding a prior opinion on a related inquiry, and are researching legislation which governs counties' payments to DJJ for youth housed in their facility.

We expect to conclude our analysis with A-C and County Counsel by April 9, 2012. Therefore, we are requesting a 60-day extension to complete this assignment. Should you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Georgia Mattera at (213) 893-2374.

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